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Chiefs Of Staff

President Harry S. Truman suddenly has decided to cut short his Florida vacation in order to fly back to Washington to confer with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Practically all recommendations on military matters are made by the Joint Chiefs.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is General Omar N. Bradley, frequently called "Dogface Bradley" and known as "the soldier's soldier." He is the author of "A Soldier's Story" which is his account of the campaigns in which he engaged in World War II.

The Army is represented by General Joseph Lawton Collins, a former Tulane student who was in the stands for the Kentucky-Tulane football game. The Air Force is headed by General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, nephew of General Vandenberg, the late Michigan Senator. The Navy is headed by Admiral William Fechteler.

They act upon advice of the Central Intelligence Agency, headed by General Walter Bedell Smith, who was chief-of-staff for General Eisenhower in Europe. General Ridgway, paratrooper with whom many boys jumped in World War II, and General Eisenhower head activities in the Far Eastern theater and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization respectively.

In other words, if these men can not be trusted and followed, who can? In testimony before the Armed Services Committee virtually all witnesses on all sides, some severely criticizing policies of the Joint Chiefs, nevertheless said the administration and Congress would have to be guided by them.